

### ABSTRACT

A method for virtual orthodontic treatment is provided in which a virtual set of orthodontic components is associated, in a virtual space, with a first virtual three-dimensional image of teeth, and then by a set of rules which define the effect of the set of components' teeth, the effect of the virtual treatment can be  
5 computed. This virtual treatment can be used to predict the results of a real-life orthodontic treatment as to design such a treatment.